

RULEMAKING FACT SHEET
TITLE 5 MRSA § 8057-A

AGENCY: Department of Environmental Protection

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CHAPTER NAME AND RULE TITLE: Hexavalent Chromium Particulate Emission
Standard-Repeal

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Title 38 MRSA § 585, 585-A

DATE AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING: No public hearing – 30 day written
comment period

COMMENT DEADLINE: August 5, 2011 5:00 P.M.

PRINCIPAL REASON OR PURPOSE FOR PROPOSING THIS RULE:

The Department is proposing to repeal this rule which establishes a limitation on the amount of hexavalent chromium allowed to be emitted from any potential source of hexavalent chromium and a limitation of the amount of total chromium until a technique for measuring hexavalent chromium can be demonstrated. Repeal at this time is appropriate because the Maine Center for Disease Control guideline has been updated since the adoption of this standard and the guideline is more protective and reflects more recent scientific/health information. The standard which was included in 38 MRSA Section 584-A was repealed this year (Public Law Chapter 206).

ANALYSIS AND EXPECTED OPERATION OF THE RULE:

Repeal

FISCAL IMPACT OF THE RULE:

Repeal

BENEFITS OF THE RULE:

The Maine Bureau of Health (now the Maine Center for Disease Control) has established updated ambient air quality guidelines for chromium emissions which were most recently updated in 2004.